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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA: SAHARAN ASSEMBLY

1. LOCAL SEMI-OFFICIAL PRESS REPORTED JULY 27 THAT 102 SAHARAN NOTABLES, CONVOKED BY SPANISH AUTHORITIES IN EL-AYUN, HAD UNANIMOUSLY REJECTED SPANISH PLANS TO CREATE NEW SAHARAN ASSEMBLY OF 52 MEMBERS, WITH 7-MAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF WHOM 3 TO BE APPOINTED BY SPAIN. SAHARANS, ACCORDING PRESS, TOOK POSITION THAT THERE HAD NEVER BEEN STATE IN THAT REGION, SAHARANS WOULD ACCEPT ONLY REINTEGRATION WITH MOROCCO, AND SOLUTION HAD TO COME THROUGH RABAT. PRESS HAS CONTINUED TO PLAY UP SAME STORY.

2. SPANISH EMBASSY SOURCE TOLD US JULY 29 THAT IT TRUE SPAIN HAD PRESENTED PLAN FOR NEW ASSEMBLY AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BUT THAT OTHERWISE PRESS STORY ENTIRELY INCORRECT. SAHARAN NOTABLES HAD IN FACT REQUESTED GREATER
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AUTONOMY THAN THAT SUGGESTED BY SPAIN, AND THEY HAD MADE

NO DEMANDS FOR INTEGRATION WITH MOROCCO. MADRID CURRENTLY
LOOKING INTO HOW TO BE FORTHCOMING ON SAHARAN DESIRES,
ACCORDING SOURCE.

3. FOR MADRID: WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY INFORMATION
AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY MADRID ON THIS DEVELOPMENT.
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